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**MEETING DATE:** OCTOBER 1, 2014

SUBJECT: UP14-07, VERIZON PHO ROMPECABEZAS: A CONDITIONAL

USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY (55' MONOPALM) ON 0.01 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2401 EAST BASELINE ROAD IN THE ACE PLAZA IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) ZONING DISTRICT WITH A PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT (PAD)

**OVERLAY.** 

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: Technology Leader

Use Permit to allow a new Wireless Communication Facility.

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

Make the Findings of Fact and Approve UP14-07 Verizon PHO Rompecabezas: A request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Wireless Communication Facility (55' monopalm) on approximately 0.01 acres of real property located at 2401 East Baseline Road in the Ace Plaza in the General Commercial (GC) zoning district with a Planned Area Development (PAD) Overlay, subject to the conditions listed in the Staff Report below.

### APPLICANT/OWNER

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### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

**History** 

Design Review Board approved the Baseline Village Retail Center
Design Review Board approved DR86-10 Signage for Baseline Village

Retail Center

### Overview

Verizon is committed to improving coverage and expanding network capacity to handle the growing number of wireless calls. Verizon is currently trying to address the "Gap in Service" by offloading calls and data usage from the existing nearby site. In response to poor service in the

Baseline and Lindsay Roads area, Verizon Wireless would like to place a wireless communication facility (WCF) at 2401 E Baseline Road.

**Surrounding Land Use & Zoning Designations:** 

	<b>Existing Land Use</b>	<b>Existing Zoning</b>	Existing Use	
	Classifications			
North	City of Mesa residential 4 -	City of Mesa RS-6	Single Family Residences	
	6			
South	Residential >3.5 - 5	Single Family 15	Single Family Residences	
East	General Commercial	General	Commercial/Offices	
		Commercial		
West	General Commercial	General	Commercial	
		Commercial		

**Project Data Table** 

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Gross Site Acreage	0.01 Acres, (1080 sq. ft.) lease area on the 2.46 acre
	Ace Plaza site
Existing Zoning	General Commercial (GC) PAD
Proposed Use	New 55 ft. tall monopalm WCF with 4G panel
	antenna
Antenna Array	For 12, 8 ft. tall antenna at 51 ft. RAD center
Leased Mechanical Equipment	WCF enclosure is 75 ft. to residential neighborhood
Enclosure Setback Provided to	to the south. The enclosure is buffered by existing
Residential Districts	landscape, parking and dive aisles.
WCF Setback Provided to Residential	The 55' tall monopalm is setback over 110% of the
Districts	height of the pole from the residential zoning district
	at a distance of 109'11"
Facility Setback From Adjacent	37' to commercial uses to the east.
Commercial Districts	
Mechanical Equipment Enclosure	141 sq. ft., Not visible from public view and with an
	existing 6' screen wall lined with mature vegetation.

Verizon Wireless proposes a new 55' WCF monopalm, 60' top of fronds, to cover the immediate area. The proposed facility meets the setback requirements for the underling zoning district and is located more than 110% of the height from the closest residential property to the south. Coax cables will be routed within the pole and the antennas will be

located at a 51' Rad Center. Associated equipment will be located inside the proposed cabinet near the base of the pole. Due to the close proximity, the overall height of the facility is lower than the maximum height allowed for WCF's. Coax will be routed from the equipment to the monopalm along the back of the building, concealed by a metal shroud painted to match. Due to the existing transformer and underground utilities within the confined area, Verizon cannot bury the coax.

After the initial construction, the facility will not generate additional traffic in the neighborhood.

Access to the proposed communication facility will be limited to routine maintenance, or in case of any technical breakdown. Typically, maintenance occurs once every 4-6 weeks and will utilize existing driveway as site access. No existing vegetation will be removed in this proposal nor will parking be affected by the location.

### ANALYSIS OF USE PERMIT CRITERIA

The Use Permit process is used to review each project for impact on surrounding properties on a case-by-case basis. The Land Development Code (LDC) outlines four specific findings that must be made by the Planning Commission to grant a Use Permit and are discussed below.

1. The proposed use will not be detrimental to health, safety, or general welfare of persons living or working in the vicinity, to adjacent property, to the neighborhood, or to the public in general;

The site is zoned General Commercial (GC) with a PAD overlay adjacent to the existing commercial building. The existing CMU wall, landscape setback area, drive aisle and parking buffer the new facility from the surrounding uses. The overall required vehicle maneuvering and parking spaces for the site are still maintained. The request is for a new 55 ft. tall monopalm Wireless Communication Facility with 3 sector 8 ft. tall cellular antenna situated at the 51 ft. RAD center level. The facility will be situated at the rear of the commercial center and along the southeast side of the property.

A photo simulation detail of the proposed WCF antenna array on the proposed tower has been provided. Staff finds that the proposed monopalm WCF will not be detrimental to health, safety, or general welfare of the persons living or working in the vicinity.

2. The proposed use conforms with the purposes, intent, and policies of the General Plan and its policies and any applicable area, neighborhood, or other plan adopted by the Town Council;

The request for a Use Permit to locate a monopalm WCF facility in the General Commercial (GC) with a PAD overlay zoning district meets the intent of the Town of Gilbert General Plan Chapter 2, Land Use and Growth Areas Element, providing for public and private infrastructure expansion. By allowing the installation of the WCF facility, service will be optimized and provide for the future needs of the area.

The Public Services and Services Element's intent is to "provide a high level of municipal and public utility services and facilities to serve the community in a manner that enhances quality of life, optimizes existing facilities and provides for future needs." The antenna array is intended to provide improved cellular phone and mobile internet service to the area. The customers of wireless communications facility services include areas of commercial, employment and residential areas near to the antenna's location.

3. The proposed use conforms to the conditions, requirements, or standards required by the Zoning Code and any other applicable local, State, or Federal requirements;

The proposal complies with the WCF Site Development Regulations – General Commercial (GC) PAD overlay zoning district. The monopole setback of 60.5' ft. from the existing residential development along the south side is exceeded at 109'11". The antenna array will be reasonably well concealed within the monopalm WCF. The ground equipment will be contained within the 8 ft. tall equipment cabinet located near the base of the tower. All other State and Federal requirements including radio wave transmission safety standards are met. All other applicable requirements have been met and will be confirmed with final plans submittal, review and approval.

4. The proposed uses, as conditioned, would not unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of nearby properties.

The monopalm WCF is unmanned and maintained by Verizon, requiring periodic visits by a technician to monitor and assure adequate operation of the facility. The equipment cabinet will be painted to match the adjacent building. The concealed antenna array will not cause adverse impacts due to dust, smoke, noise, odor or glare from the use. The facility complies with the LDC.

Pursuant to Section 4.705 of the LDC, the following additional findings of fact are required for WCF use permit applications;

A. The proposed WCF conforms with the requirements of Article 4.7;

The application conforms to all requirements of Article 4.7 of the LDC General Commercial (GC) PAD with respect to height and setback requirements as well as screening and aesthetics, equipment enclosure, fencing and lighting.

B. The applicant has demonstrated the inability to co-locate the proposed WCF on an existing vertical element; and

The applicant has conducted an inventory or existing WCF and existing vertical structures in this area. A monopole exists approximately 1 mile to the northeast and is beyond the coverage. There are no other facilities in the mile radius. Monopalm WCF's are not generally considered capable for co-locating additional antenna arrays due to the single frond cluster typical of palm trees.

C. The visibility of the WCF is reduced to the extent feasible by decreasing its height, increasing its setback, locating it in proximity to other structures, using antenna designs which minimize horizontal projections, constructing it with colors and materials that deemphasize its visibility.

The applicant is requesting to establish a new, 55 ft. monopalm WCF. The new WCF resembles the appearance of a palm tree, with the antenna array generally concealed within the "faux" fronds of the use. The ground equipment is located at the rear of a commercial center that is enclosed by a 6' CMU wall and mature vegetation.

### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND INPUT

A notice of public hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, and an official notice was posted in all the required public places within the Town.

Staff has received no comment from the public.

### **PROPOSITION 207**

An agreement to "Waive Claims for Diminution in Value" Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-1134 was signed by the landowners of the subject site, in conformance with Section 5.201 of the Town of Gilbert Land Development Code. This waiver is located in the case file.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Move to make the findings of fact and approve UP14-07 Verizon PHO Rompecabezas; a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Wireless Communication Facility (55' monopalm) on a 0.01 acre site at 2401 East Baseline Road in the Ace Plaza in General Commercial (GC) zoning district with Planned Area Development (PAD) overlay zoning district, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Project shall be in substantial conformance with the site plan, landscape plan and elevations/ details shown on the Exhibits noted under Attachment Nos. 4, 5 and 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Temes Senior Planner

### **Attachments:**

- 1. Findings of Fact
- 2. Notice of Public Hearing
- 3. Site Aerial
- 4. Site Plan
- 5. Monopole Elevation
- 6. Photo Simulations of Monopalm WCF

## **UP14-07: Rompecabezas WCF Attachment 1 - Findings of Fact**

## FINDING OF FACT UP14-07 Wireless Communication Facility at 2401 East Baseline Road, Ace Plaza Verizon PHO Rompecabezas

Staff provides the following findings of facts, subject to the conditions of approval provided below, to substantiate approval of the project:

- 1. The project is consistent with the Residential Design Guidelines;
- 2. The project conforms to the General Plan and specifically to the Land Use, Community Design, and Environmental Planning Elements;
- 3. The project is consistent with all applicable provisions of the Zoning Code;
- 4. The project is compatible with adjacent and nearby residential development; and
- 5. The project design provides for safe and efficient provision of public services.

### And the additional findings for WCF required by Section 4.705 of the LDC, as follows;

- 6. The proposed WCF conforms with the requirements of Article 4.7;
- 7. The applicant has demonstrated the inability to co-locate the proposed WCF on an existing vertical elements; and
- 8. The visibility of the WCF is reduced to the extent feasible by decreasing its height, increasing its setback, locating it in proximity to other structures, using antenna designs which minimize horizontal projections, constructing it with colors and materials that deemphasize it visibility.

# UP14-07: Rompecabezas WCF Attachment 2 - Notice of Public Hearing $Notice\ of\ Pu$

### **PLANNING COMMISSION DATE:**

Wednesday, October 1, 2014\* TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Gilbert Municipal Center, Council Chambers

50 E. Civic Center Drive

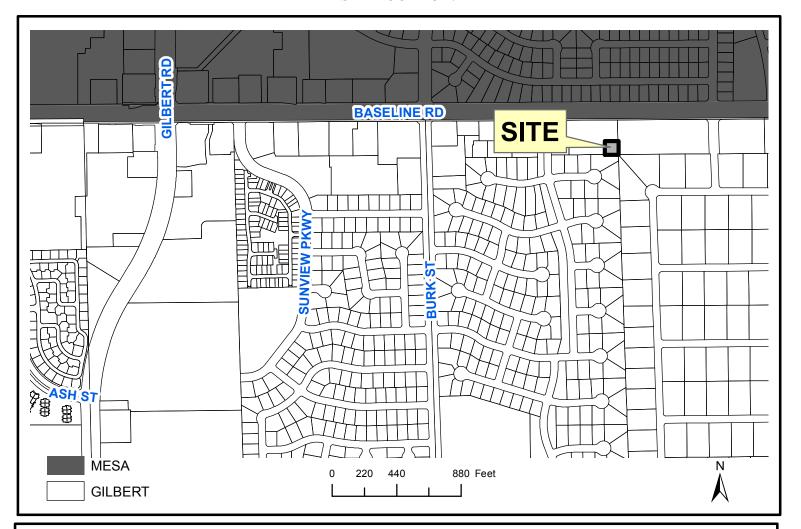
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### **REQUESTED ACTION:**

UP14-07: Request to approve a Conditional Use Permit for approximately 0.01 acres of real property located at 2401 E Baseline Road in the Ace Plaza to permit a Wireless Communication Facility (55' foot high monopalm) in the General Commercial (GC) zoning district with a Planned Area Development overlay.

\* The application is available for public review at the Town of Gilbert Development Services division Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Staff reports are available the Monday prior to the meeting at http://www.gilbertaz.gov/departments/development-services/planning-development/planning-commission

#### **SITE LOCATION:**



APPLICANT: Coal Creek Consulting for Verizon Wireless

**CONTACT:** Steve Ciolek

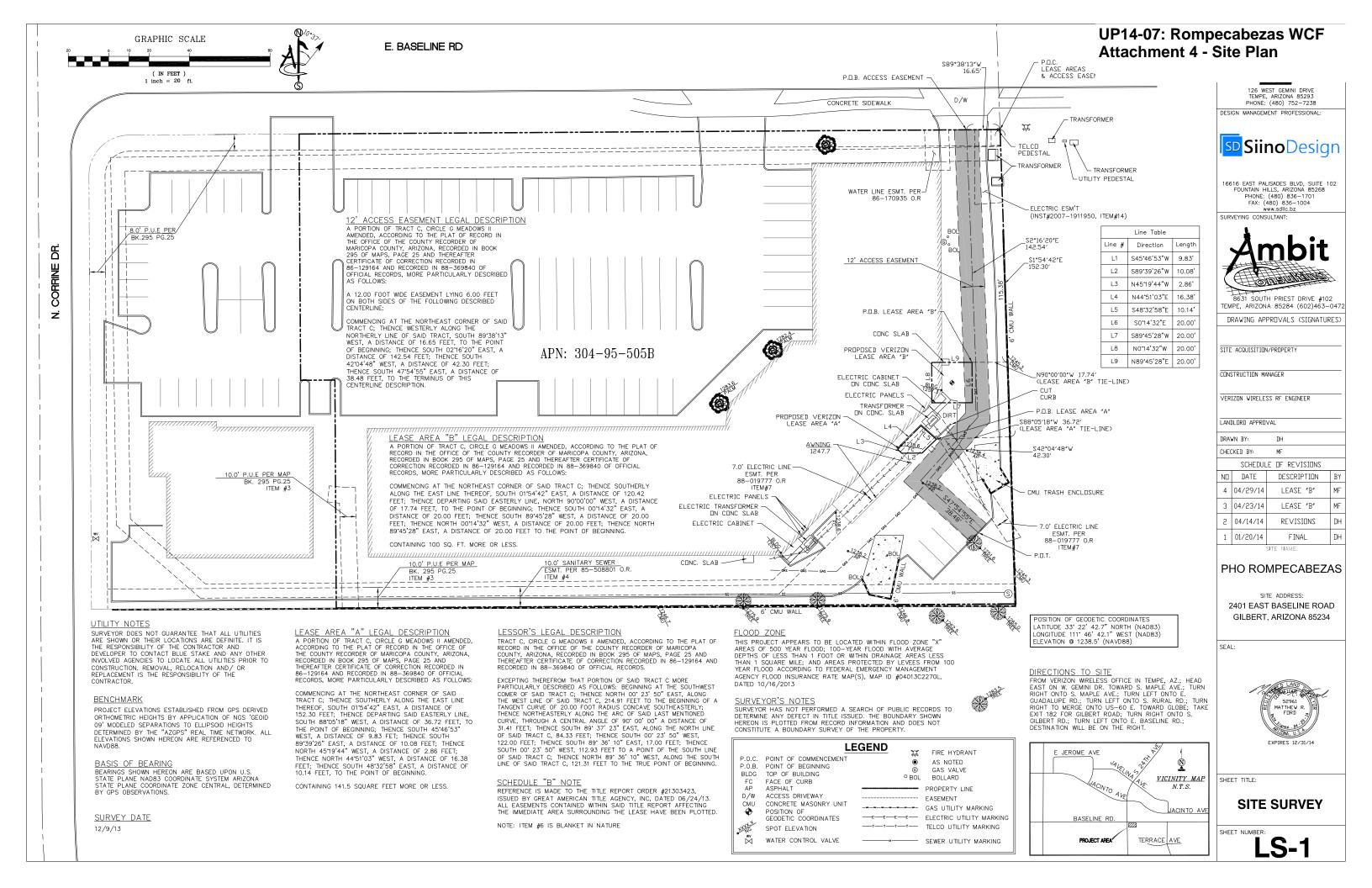
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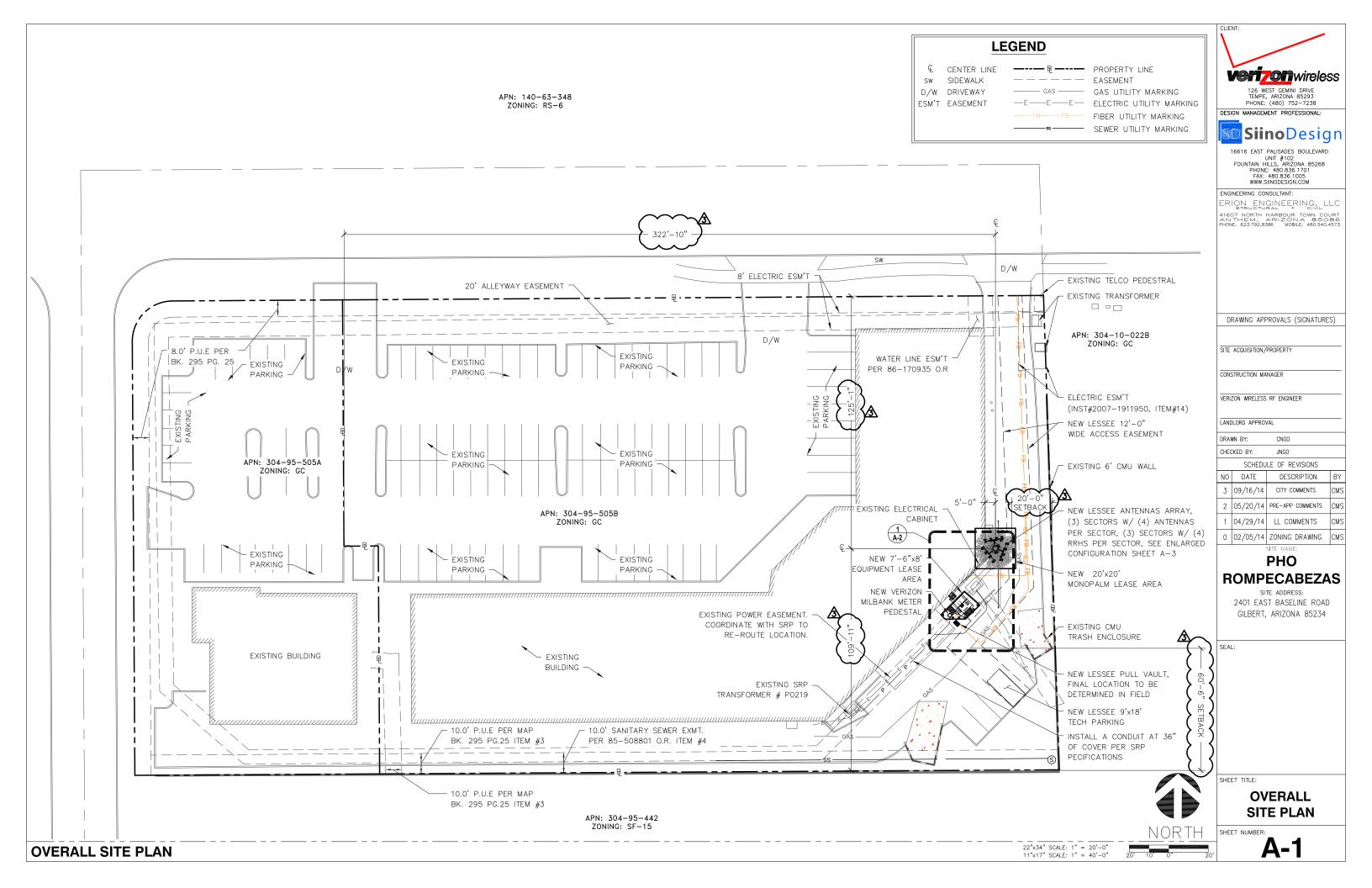
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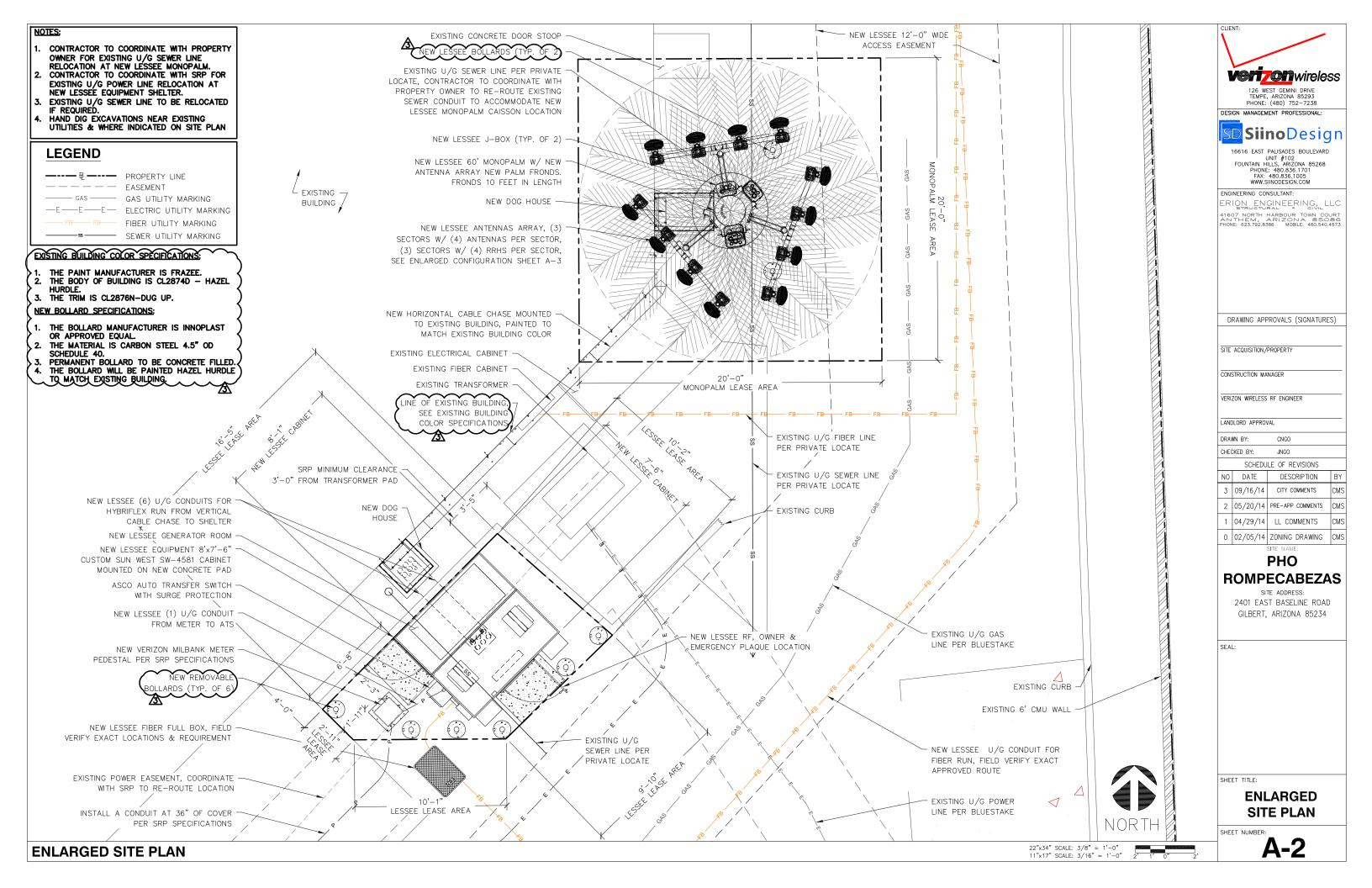
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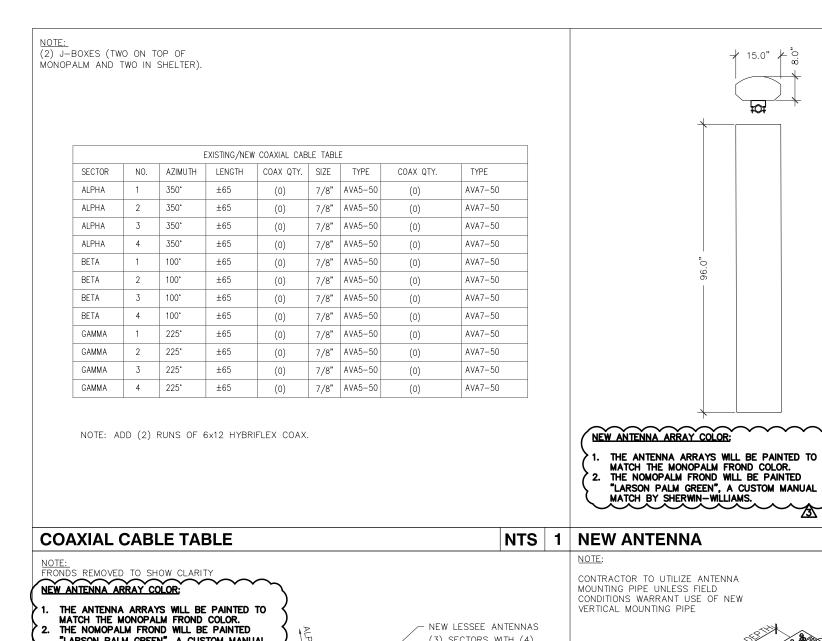
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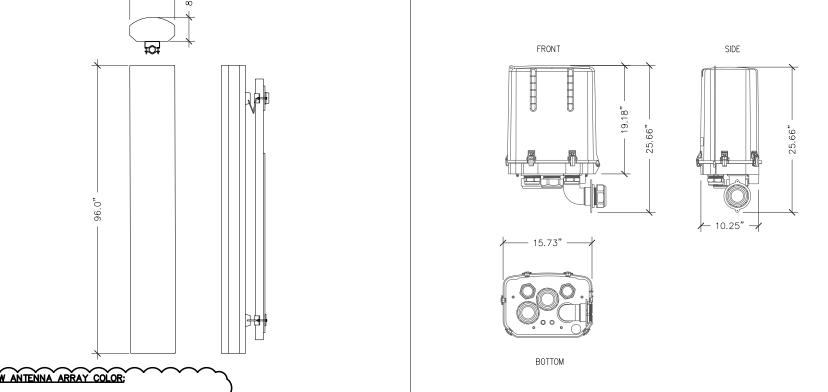






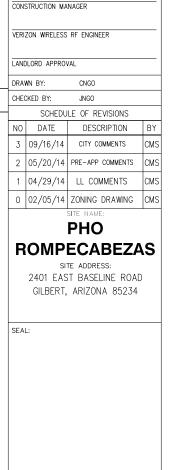






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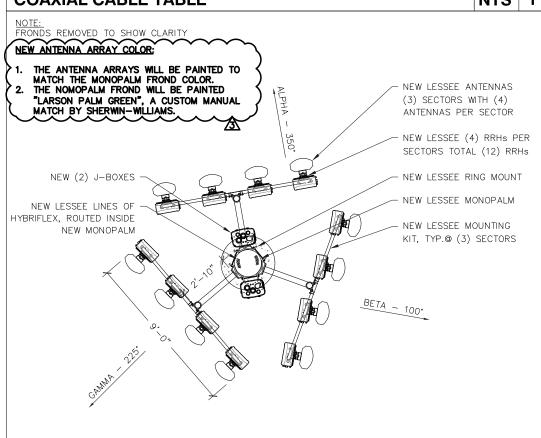
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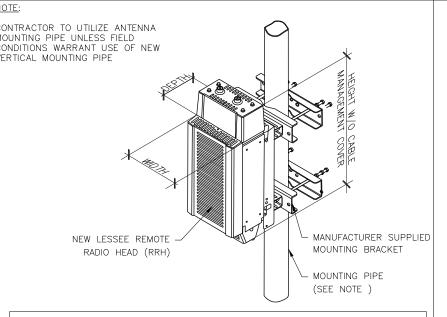
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ENGINEERING CONSULTANT:

**Siino** Design





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RRH	WIDTH	DEPTH	HEIGHT W/O CABLE MANAGEMENT COVER	WEIGHT W/O BRACKET				
RRH (PCS) 2X60 (60W)	12"	9.5"	22"	55 LBS. (W/O MOUNTING BRACKET)				
RRH (AWS) 2X60 (60W)	11"	7.4"	37"	55 LBS. (W/O MOUNTING BRACKET)				

RRH NOTE: DIMENSIONS INCLUDE MOUNTING BRACKET, SOLAR SHIELD AND CONNECTORS.

CALCULATIONS FOR DETAILS

ANTENNA MOUNT TO BE PROVIDED BY

MONOPALM MANUFACTURER. REFER

TO MANUFACTURER DRAWINGS AND

SHEET TITLE:

**ANTENNA** CONFIGURATION

**NEW ANTENNA CONFIGURATION** NTS 2 4 ANTENNA MOUNT NTS 6 **NEW REMOTE RADIO HEAD(S)** 

## **UP14-07: Rompecabezas WCF Attachment 5 - Elevation**

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SITE ACQUISITION/PROPERTY

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

VERIZON WIRELESS RF ENGINEER

LANDLORD APPROVAL

DRAWN BY: CNGO

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SCHEDULE OF REVISIONS

## PHO ROMPECABEZAS

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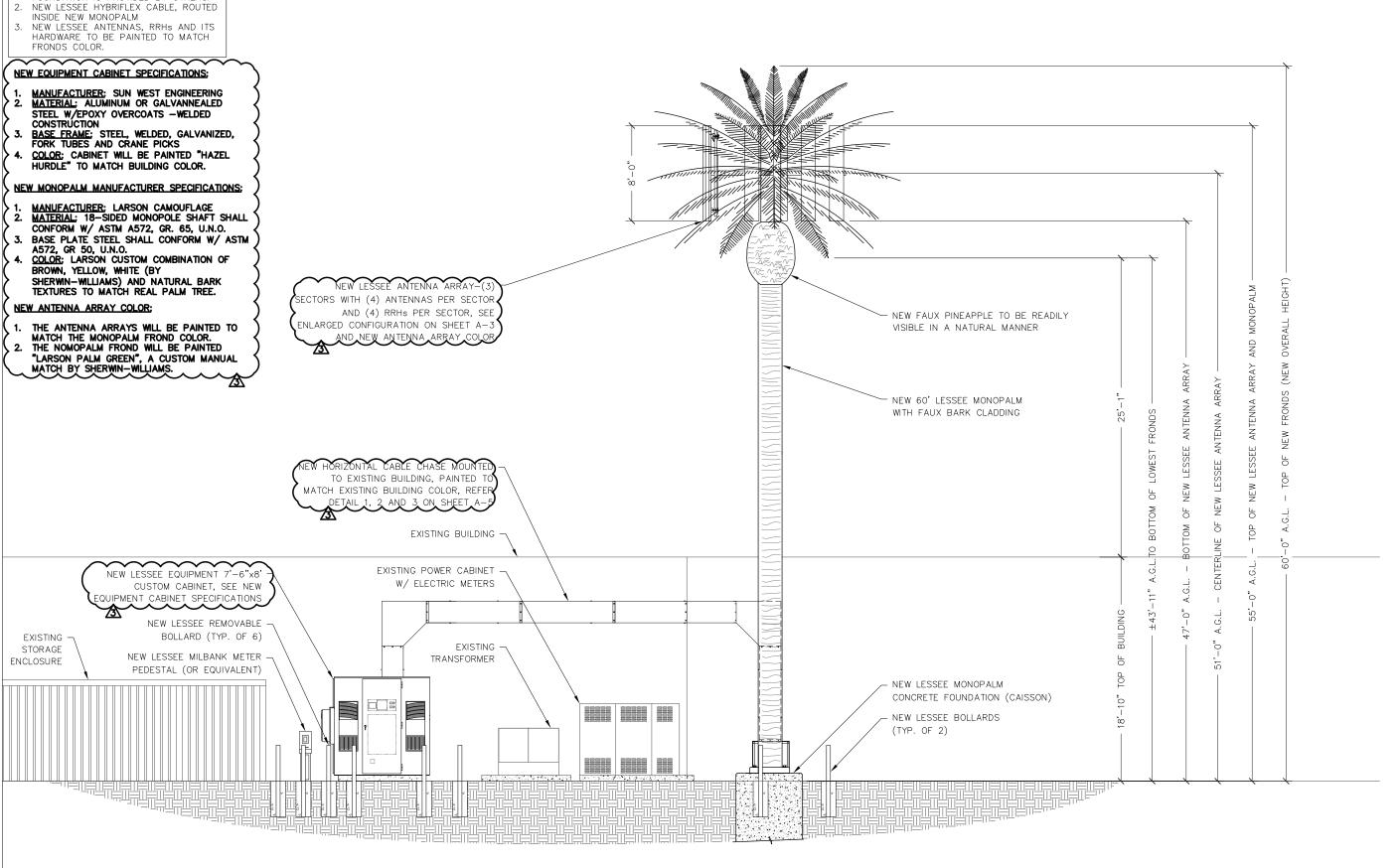
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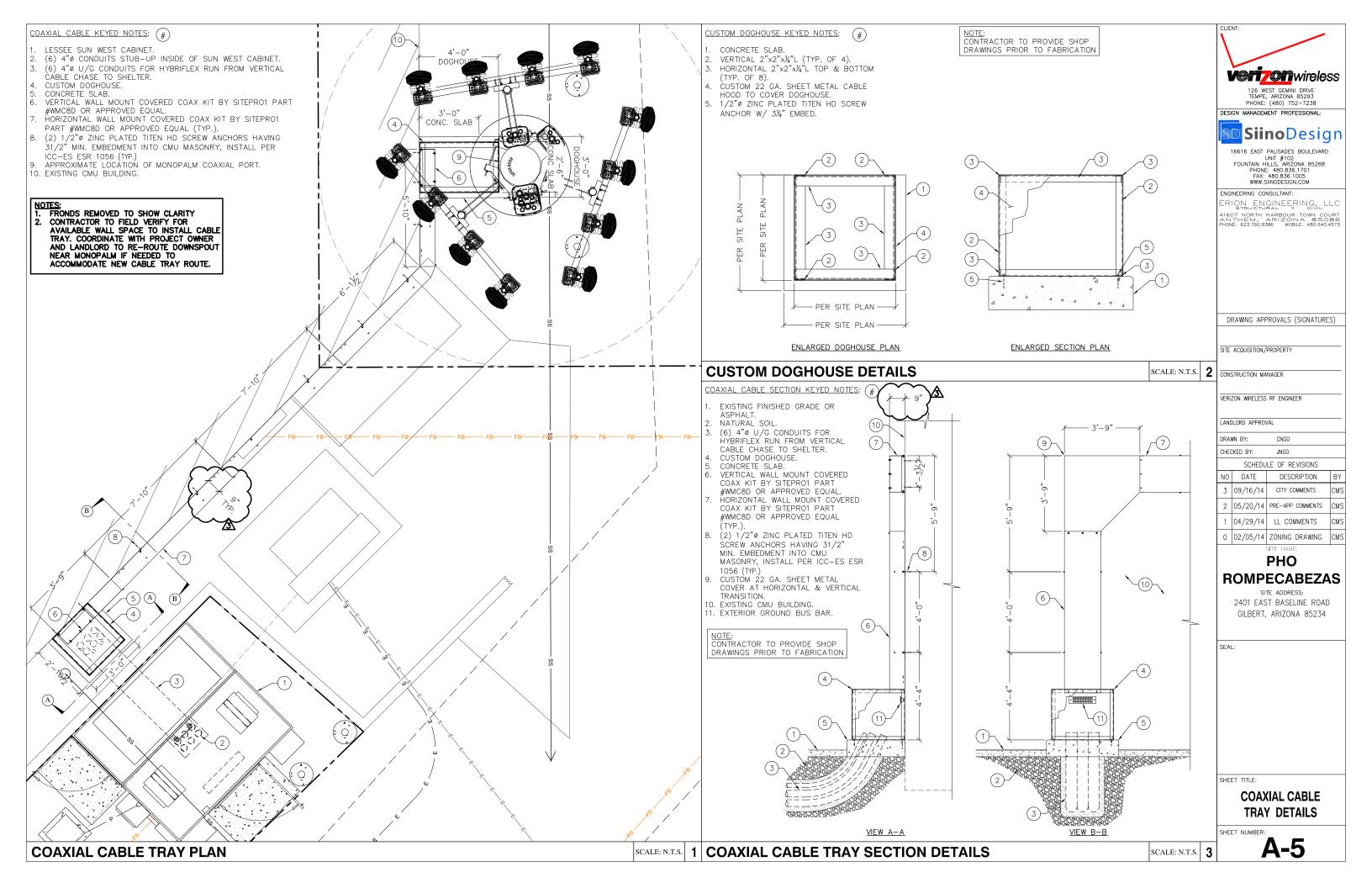
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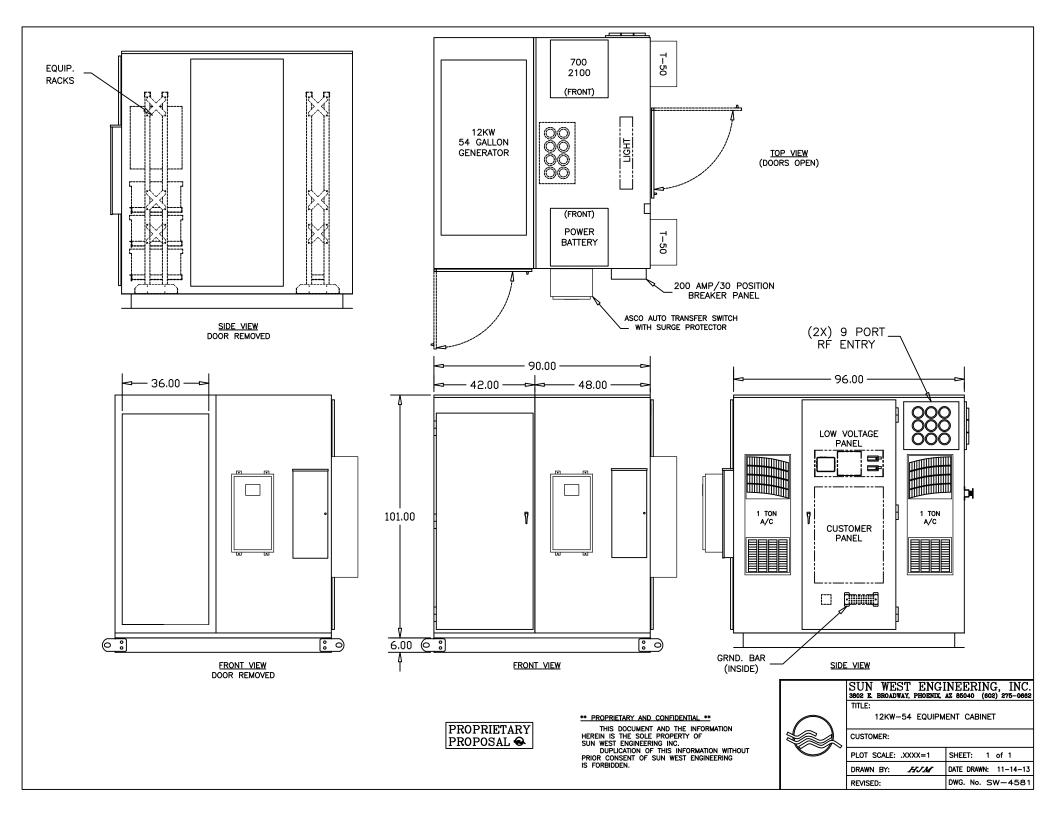


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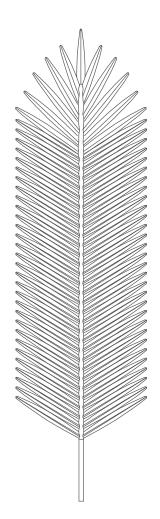
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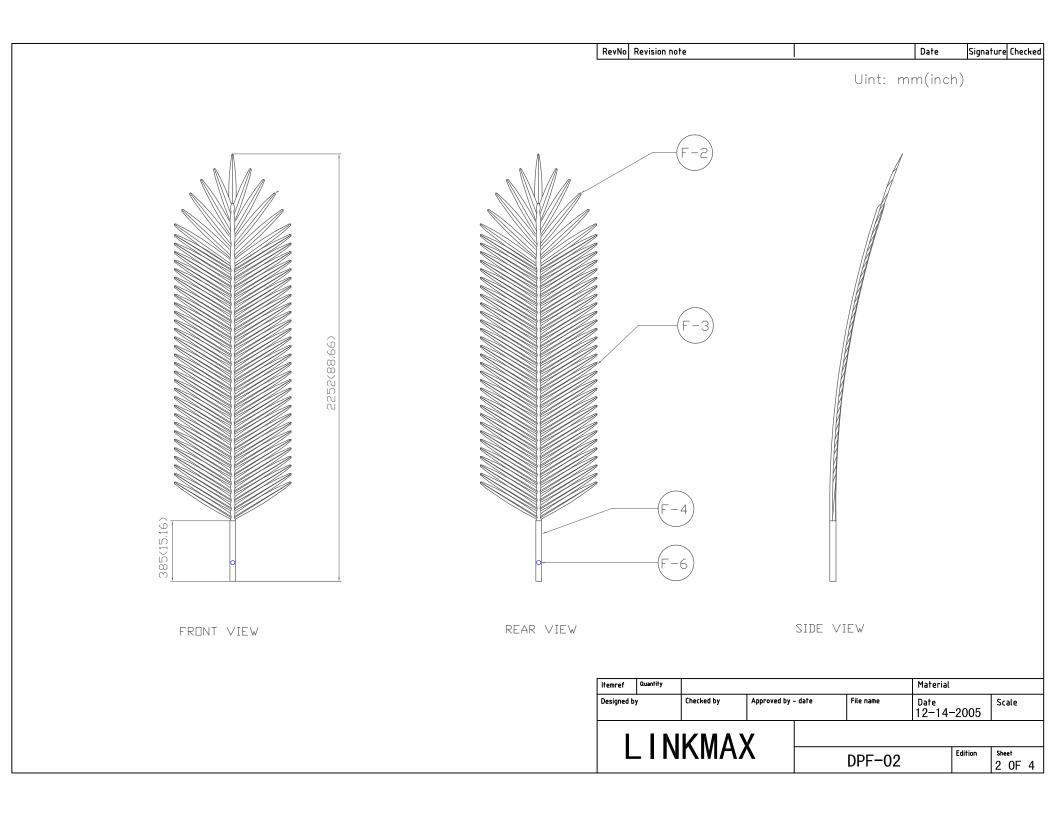


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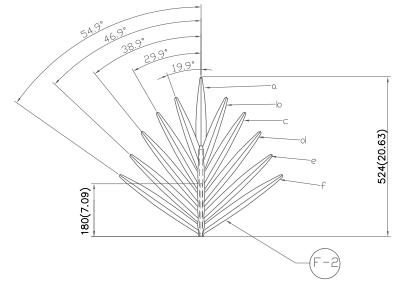
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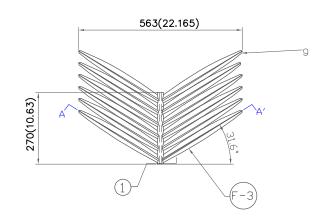


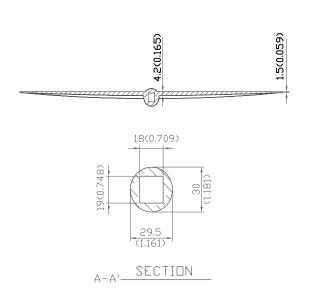
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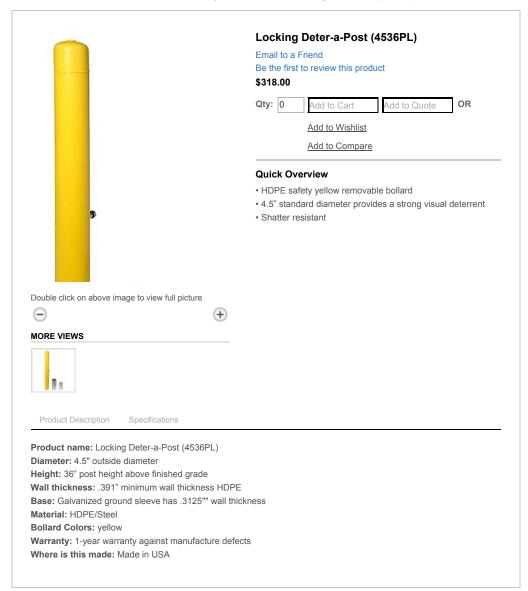
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